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SUBJECT: OPRED - JUSTICE/BNDD REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
CLERICAL SUPPORT FOR DEA

1. IN PREPARATION FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF INTERDICTION
EFFORT AGAINST INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC AND ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) JULY 1, 1973,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS
DRUGS (BNDD) HAS REQUESTED INCREASES IN CLERICAL STAFF
AT A NUMBER OF POSTS WORLDWIDE WHERE CONSIDERABLE WORK
BACKLOGS EXIST OR WHERE SECRETARIAL SUPPORT IS GENERALLY
INADEQUATE.

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2. FOR EA, SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. BANGKOK - INCREASE OF 2 US CLERICAL (1 SECRETARY, 1 FISCAL ASSISTANT). INCREASING ACTIVITY WITHIN THE REGION AND THE ADDITION OF ANOTHER DISTRICT OFFICE (HONG KONG) INDICATE THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.
- B. CHIANG MAI - INCREASE OF 1 FOREIGN NATIONAL (INTERPRETER-TRANSLATOR). ACCORDING TO BNDD, THE PART-TIME EMPLOYEE IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THE WORK LOAD.
- C. HONG KONG - INCREASE OF 1 US CLERICAL (SECRETARY). BNDD ANTICIPATES THE POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT OF A

THIRD SPECIAL AGENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

- D. MANILA - INCREASE OF 2 US CLERICAL (1 SECRETARY AND 1 FISCAL ASSISTANT). SINCE MANILA HAS BECOME A REGIONAL OFFICE, THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CLERICAL SUPPORT HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED.
- E. NAHA - INCREASE OF 1 US CLERICAL (SECRETARY). THIS OFFICE IS PRESENTLY WITHOUT CLERICAL SUPPORT, IN SPITE OF EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SUCH ASSISTANCE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS.
- F. SEOUL - INCREASE OF 1 US CLERICAL (SECRETARY). BNDD EXPECTS TO OPEN THIS OFFICE SOON AND WILL NEED SUPPORT AT THAT TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS OF CONCERNED MISSION CHIEFS ON THESE PROPOSALS, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES OF THE POSTS. YOUR VIEWS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT CREATION OF DEA IN EFFECT WILL MERGE PRESENT BNDD AND CUSTOMS STAFFS ASSIGNED TO NARCOTICS CONTROL WORK OVERSEAS, WITH POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS.

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